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COUNTERCHARGES FILED BY GRAVES

Says His Rooms Were Entered, Ransacked and Papers Stolen.

PREDICTS GREAT SENSATION

Denies There Is Any Legal Basis for Charge of Blackmail.

NEW YORK, November 12.—Dr. Karl Armgard Graves, arrested at Washington on a charge of attempting to blackmail Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador, made countercharges against his accusers today.

"My rooms were entered last night through a window," declared Dr. Graves at his home, 65 West Sixty-ninth Street, today. "The place was ransacked, and papers taken. Among them were two half-sheets of decoupled letters. Fortunately, I had not left the originals in my apartments, and so my only loss in time. It will take me two days to duplicate the work. A copy of the cipher code also was taken, but that did not matter."

The letters in my possession have been delivered to the Department of Justice. When they are made public, I assure you, they will create a sensation. They will show illegal stock transactions both here and in Europe. I cannot talk of the diplomatic aspects now. I have given my word to the Department of Justice."

DENIES THERE IS BASIS FOR BLACKMAIL CHARGE

Dr. Graves denied emphatically that there is any legal basis for a charge of blackmail. He declared positively that the letters contain nothing reflecting in any way upon the Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador. Those addressed to her, he said, were from a woman well-known in court circles in Berlin. They were not in code, but, according to Dr. Graves, were so worded as to convey secret information of a political nature to the ambassador.

Dr. Graves, at once indignant and cheerful, paced restlessly back and forth, the length of his little parlor, as he talked.

At times he laughed, once in a while he frowned. This manner, however, was one of prevailing good humor.

"Yes," he said, "those letters will make a terrible sensation when they come out."

"Somebody must have been very much interested in what might have been in my rooms. Last night two men representing themselves to be police detectives, appeared here. Mrs. McGarrick, the housekeeper, told them I was away. They flushed badges, and insisted on searching my apartments. Mrs. McGarrick demanded that they show a search warrant and they went away. Some time later the entrance was made by my maid."

"I expected something of the sort, and asked for Federal protection. A young man from the Department of Justice was waiting at my door as I returned from Washington at 8:10 o'clock this morning. I showed him what had been done."

While Dr. Graves was speaking, the Department of Justice agent returned. Dr. Graves gave him one of the letters in the case, to be forwarded to Washington, and a receipt was signed for it.

"The so-called 'love letters,'" Dr. Graves resumed, "are not love letters at all. They are only a cleverly constructed and inconspicuous means of conveyance of information. They are in a woman's handwriting. The writer is well known to me."

NO \$3,000 IS SHOWN BY PRINCE VON HATZFELDT

"The statement of Prince von Hatzfeldt, that he had shown me \$3,000, is false, and is not borne out by the government witness. The Countess von Bernstorff was at no time mentioned by the prince or myself in the transaction. The letters don't contain anything which could compromise a lady or lend themselves to the blackmailing of a woman. They are simply and solely of diplomatic interest and partly compromising to the Count Bernstorff alone, for they divulge stock gambling transactions on both sides of the water. This is something the count may be able to explain, but I cannot."

"There is not the faintest justification of the charge of blackmail. These letters came into my possession as a good many other things have come. It was in a way which concerns no one but myself. The charge of the theft of these letters is utterly foolish."

"Whom would they say I stole them from? Where is he?"

"The agents who conveyed these letters over here, contrary to the postal laws and regulations, incurred first and last an expense of \$2,480, for which they were not reimbursed. The price asked for those letters simply covered this amount and the time involved."

"Prince von Hatzfeldt carefully read one of the letters, found nothing to fear in that letter, and concluded that it was bluff. The letter shown to Prince von Hatzfeldt contained no cipher. The other two, not seen by the prince, did."

"It is not true that a warrant was issued for me through the action of the Countess von Bernstorff. I never have mentioned the lady in question in his connection, except to tell Prince von Hatzfeldt that some of the letters were apparently addressed to her. I do not see the legality of a warrant issued by the countess. The warrant, it was applied for by Prince von Hatzfeldt, and several days ago, it was surely and simply a business between myself and the highest representative of Germany, next to

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Bandits Massacre Women and Children

Mexico City Newspapers Tell of Wholesale Slaughter Near Contreras.

By Associated Press.

LAREDO, TEX., November 12.—An indiscriminate massacre of nearly 100 women, children and Carranza soldiers, who were traveling on a train near Contreras, State of Morelos, which was attacked by Zapata followers, is reported in Mexico City newspapers received here today. After the attack on the train the dead lay in piles beside the cars, the papers state.

Only one person, so far as known, escaped death at the hands of the bandits. He was Captain Antonio Paredes.

The attack occurred on November 3. The passenger train, covered by a military train eight kilometers ahead, was halted after the military train had been allowed to pass unmolested. For fifteen minutes the Zapatistas kept up the slaughter, slaying men and women who prayed for mercy, and killing the babies who accompanied their mothers, the papers declare. Soldiers aboard the passenger train were without their accoutrements, and unable to offer any resistance. Among the list of dead given in the Mexico City papers is the name of Colonel Adelito, two majors and three captains.

When a relief train reached the scene of the attack several hours after it occurred, the Zapatistas had scattered into the hills.

ST. PAUL COMES TO PORT

Blue American Liner Completes Her Two Hundred and Fifteenth Trans-Atlantic Voyage.

NEW YORK, November 12.—The American liner St. Paul arrived here today from Liverpool, completing her 200th voyage. She had 382 passengers on board. Strong easterly gales were encountered throughout the trip.

Among the passengers was Lady Gifford-Gordon, returning from a business trip to London. She said she was delighted to get back from the gloom of London.

Joseph Duveen, the noted Fifth Avenue art dealer, was also on board. He said he had purchased two very important art collections while in Paris, but was unable at this time to give out any other information concerning them.

HIS ONLY INFORMATION

COMES FROM NEWSPAPERS

"You have been informed, have you not, that Progressives are already urging Colonel Roosevelt again to become a candidate for the presidential nomination?"

"It is asked if Hughes or Roosevelt is the better choice for the presidential nomination?"

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